WARRIORS

SUPER EDITION

ONESTAR'S CONFESSION

EXCLUSIVE WARRIORS COMIC INSIDE

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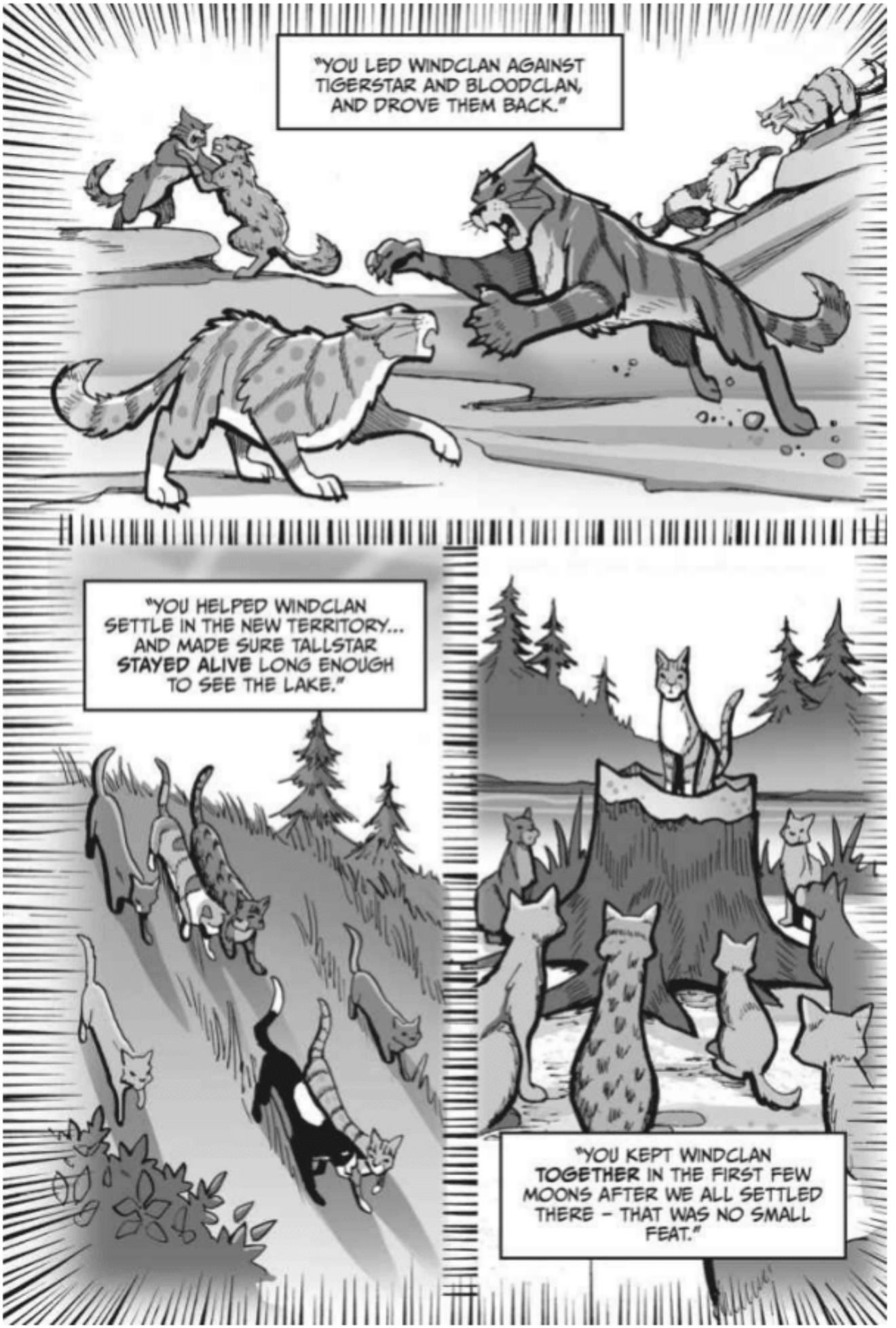
STARCLAN.
I'M IN STARCLAN NOW.
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT.
IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE DAY, AFTER ALL.
ONE DAY SINCE...
...SINCE I LOST MY LAST LIFE.
ONE DAY SINCE THE BATTLE WITH DARKTAIL.
I KNOW THAT... BUT SOMEHOW IT FEELS AS IF I'VE BEEN HERE FOREVER.
STILL NOT USED TO FEELING YOUNG AGAIN, THOUGH. NOTHING HURTS WHEN I MOVE!
I SHOULD BE HAPPY. I AM HAPPY.
STILL...

I GOT TO SEE HARESPRING AS LEADER, YES. WITH WINDCLAN FINALLY AT **PEACE**.
BUT... JUST BASED ON MY OWN EXPERIENCE...
...I KNOW IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE'S **TESTED**.
ONESTAR!
FIRESTAR - I WAS WONDERING WHEN I'D SEE YOU HERE!
YOU SEEM LIKE A CAT PULLED IN TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING SO.
AM I THAT OBVIOUS?
CATS NEW TO STARCLAN TEND TO HAVE A CERTAIN LOOK ABOUT THEM. BEING AWARE THAT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING LYING IN WAIT...
KNOWING IT WILL CAUSE THE LIVING CATS GRIEF - BUT NOT ALWAYS BEING ABLE TO SEE WHAT IT IS.
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT. YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, REALLY. NONE OF US DO.
THIS **HURTS**. EVERYTHING I'VE EVER FELT FOR FIRESTAR - IT'S ALL BEARING DOWN ON ME.
ALL THE RESPECT... THE ADMIRATION... BUT, MORE THAN THAT, THE **REGRET**.
I TURNED MY **BACK** ON HIM, ON ALL OF THUNDERCLAN, TRYING TO **PROVE** MYSELF TO WINDCLAN.
HOW FOOLISH I WAS!

FIRESTAR... I... I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD EVEN BE HERE. I WAS NEVER AS GOOD A LEADER AS YOU WHEN I WAS ALIVE, AND...
I DON'T SEE HOW I'LL BE MUCH GOOD AS A STARCLAN CAT, EITHER.
YOU MAY NOT SEE IT. BUT I THINK YOU'LL BE A GREAT STARCLAN CAT.
AND I THINK YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF WISDOM TO OFFER THE LIVING.
ONESTAR, YOUR BIGGEST FLAW WAS TRYING TO COVER UP MISTAKES WITH LIES. DO YOU REALIZE THAT?
I... I GUESS SO...
YOU WANTED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS YOURSELF. AND SOMETIMES THAT WAS ADMIRABLE.
BUT THE WAY YOU WENT ABOUT IT, YOU OFTEN ENDED UP CREATING BIGGER PROBLEMS.
AND WHEN THEY HAD TO BE DEALT WITH...
IT LEFT THE OTHER CLANS WONDERING IF THEY COULD TRUST YOU.
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
BEING HERE, BEING IN STARCLAN, GIVES ME MORE CLARITY THAN I EVER HAD IN LIFE.
I WANT TO DO BETTER. I NEED TO DO BETTER.
I'M JUST NOT SURE HOW.
I'M NOT SAYING YOU NEVER DID ANYTHING GOOD, OLD FRIEND.


"YOU LED WINDCLAN AGAINST TIGERSTAR AND BLOODCLAN, AND DROVE THEM BACK."
"YOU HELPED WINDCLAN SETTLE IN THE NEW TERRITORY... AND MADE SURE TALLSTAR **STAYED ALIVE** LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THE LAKE."
"YOU KEPT WINDCLAN **TOGETHER** IN THE FIRST FEW MOONS AFTER WE ALL SETTLED THERE – THAT WAS NO SMALL FEAT."

"YOU SHOWED YOUR CLAN HOW TO BE GRACIOUS WHEN YOU FORGAVE BREEZEPELT FOR SIDING WITH THE DARK FOREST CATS..."
"YOU CAME TO THUNDERCLAN'S AID WHEN WE MIGHT HAVE ALL BEEN KILLED BY THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY BADGERS..."
"AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU EVER DID - THE SACRIFICE YOU MADE..."
"...WHEN YOU DEFEATED ONE OF THE CLANS' DEADLIEST ENEMIES, AND GAVE YOUR LAST LIFE TO DO IT."
"DARKTAIL WAS YOUR OWN KIT... BUT YOU KNEW WHAT HAD TO BE DONE. ONLY A GREAT LEADER COULD HAVE FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH IT."

WALK WITH ME.
YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF AS A LEADER. OVER AND OVER. AND SOON YOU'LL GET THE CHANCE TO PROVE YOURSELF AS A STARCLAN CAT.
AFTER ALL, HARESPRING WILL BE HERE SHORTLY.
IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO RECEIVE HIS NINE LIVES. TO BECOME HARESTAR.
FIRESTAR'S RIGHT. I WASN'T A TOTAL FAILURE AS A LIVING CAT.
MAYBE AS A STARCLAN CAT I CAN KEEP MAKING UP FOR MY MISTAKES.
LISTEN... YOU WERE A LEADER YOURSELF, SO I KNOW YOU KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE.
BUT IT'S DOUBLY IMPORTANT THAT HARESPRING BECOMES A GOOD LEADER...
BECAUSE THERE'S TROUBLE HEADED FOR THE CLANS.
GRAVE TROUBLE.
MAYBE THE WORST PROBLEM ANY CLAN WILL EVER FACE.
WH- WHAT? FIRESTAR, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'VE HAD A DREAM. A TERRIBLE DREAM.
A VISION OF A THICK, HEAVY MIST FALLING OVER THE LAKE TERRITORIES.

DO YOU MEAN – ARE THE CLANS GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE THE LAKE?
NO... NO. I STILL FELT THE CLANS' PRESENCE, UNDERNEATH THE MIST. BUT I COULDN'T SEE THROUGH IT.
IT'S BEEN TROUBLING ME EVER SINCE.
MAYBE... MAYBE IF I CONCENTRATE, I CAN SEE WHAT FIRESTAR SAW...?
NO. I TRY AS HARD AS I CAN... BUT THERE'S NOTHING.
SO THIS MIST – THERE'S NO LIGHT AT ALL BENEATH IT? IT'S JUST DARK?
WELL... NOT EXACTLY, NO.
I DID SEE A FAINT LIGHT SHINING.
AS IF TRYING TO BREAK THROUGH.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE VISION MEANS, ONESTAR.
BUT I DO KNOW THE CLANS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE AT THEIR STRONGEST. THEIR MOST UNITED.
WHICH IS WHY YOUR SUCCESSOR MUST BE A STRONG, CONFIDENT LEADER.
AND HE'LL NEED YOU FOR THAT.

THERE HE IS –
HARESPRING!
ALONG WITH THE WINDCLAN CATS WHO'VE COME BEFORE...
HERE TO GIVE HIM THEIR GIFTS.
SO MANY BRAVE, HONORABLE WARRIORS...
AND TALLSTAR AMONG THEM! HE LOOKS SO STRONG!
I RECOGNIZE WINDSTAR, TOO...

...AND GORSESTAR...
...AND MOTH FLIGHT...
WHO AM I, COMPARED WITH THESE CATS?
I HEARD WHAT FIRESTAR SAID. I DID. AND YET...
DO I REALLY DESERVE TO BE HERE? WHAT CAN I POSSIBLY GIVE HARESPRING?
UNLESS...
FIRESTAR SAID MY BIGGEST FLAW WAS COVERING UP MISTAKES WITH LIES. THAT IT ALWAYS SEEMED TO CREATE EVEN BIGGER PROBLEMS.
ALL RIGHT. YES.
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT GIFT I SHOULD GIVE HARESPRING.
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES A LEADER CAN HAVE.

WITH THIS LIFE, I GIVE YOU HONESTY.
ALWAYS SPEAK THE TRUTH, SO THAT YOU NEVER FEAR ANY QUESTION ASKED OF YOU.
I HAIL YOU BY YOUR NEW NAME, HARESTAR. YOUR OLD LIFE IS NO MORE.
DEFEND IT WELL – CARE FOR YOUNG AND OLD – HONOR YOUR ANCESTORS AND THE TRADITIONS OF THE WARRIOR CODE.
YOU HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE NINE LIVES OF A LEADER, AND STARCLAN GRANTS YOU THE GUARDIANSHIP OF WINDCLAN.
LIVE EACH LIFE WITH PRIDE AND DIGNITY, AND REMEMBER...
...ALWAYS PUT YOUR CLAN FIRST.